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DETECTION OF FUNGAL PATHOGENS USING THE POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

the specification of which was filed on August 24, 2001 as United States Application Number. 09/939,379 and was amended by Preliminary Amendment on even date herewith.

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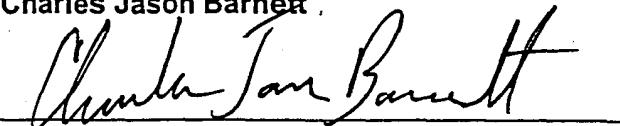
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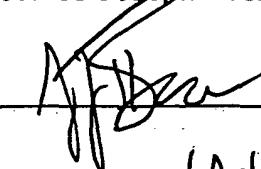
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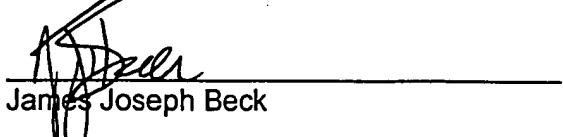
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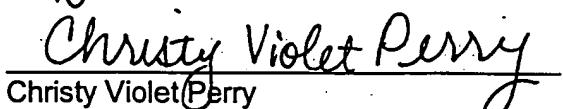
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